Jamadars working in Banking Industry

2081. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many Jamadars are working in the banking industry on consolidated wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale, 2/3rd scale and on full scales wages;

(b) how much salary being paid to jamadars who are working on consolidate wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale, 2/3rd scale and on full scale wages;

(c) whether Government are considering to absorb all jamadars who are working on consolidated wages, 1/3rd scale, 1/2 scale and 2/3rd scale on full scale permanent employment;

(d) if so, how much time Government will take to absorb all part time jamadars on full scale; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

SC/ST Employees Welfare Association in Syndicate Bank

2082. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Syndicate Bank Management is suppressing the Welfare activities of the employees belonging to SC/ST categories by harassing principal office bearers of all India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.)

(b) whether such instances of harassment have been taken up by the aforesaid Welfare Association and also by people representatives with the Syndicate Bank Management; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard by the Syndicate Bank management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Syndicate Bank has reported that it is not suppressing the welfare activities of the employees belonging to SC/ST categories and it has not received any reference from All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.) in the bank. However, the bank has received references from some Members of Parliament about some individual cases of alleged harassment of President of the All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Association (Regd.) and another employee. The bank is looking into the matter.

Employees of Syndicate Bank

2083. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many employees have been entrusted with special assistant duties in the various regions of Syndicate Bank since 1st January, 1978;

(b) how many of them belong to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(c) whether reservation for SC/ST have been extended in the promotions from Clerk to Special Assistant grade;

(d) if so, how many of them have promoted on reserved quota; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Syndicate Bank has reported that of the 1271 clerks entrusted with Special Assistant's duties in various regions/zones of the bank from 1-1-1978 to date, 42 belong to SC/ST.

(c) to (e) In terms of the bipartite settlements, entrustment of Special Assistant's duties to the senior clerks in public sector banks is not considered promotion and therfore, rule of reservation does not apply to such placements.

Evasion of Excise Duty by Powerloom and Mill Sectors

2084. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Powerloom and Mill Sectors have been able to evade payment of excise duty amounting to Rupees 1344 crores, as reported in the 'Indian Observer' dated the 17th October, 1994;

(b) if so, since when this evasion is going on and when was it detected;

(c) the reasons for such evasion; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to plug loopholes in the relevant law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the report published in the 'Observer' dated the 17th October, 1994 regarding alleged evasion of duty by powerloom and Mill Sectors.

(b) Evasion being a clandestine activity cannot be quantified. However, the Department has booked cases against processing houses which relate to supression of production, clandestine removals, misdescription of fabrics, misuse of exemption and

under-valuation. Details of such cases detected during last three years are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Reasons include profiteering on the part of assessees and less regard to law and national interest.

(d) In view of the forthcoming budget, it is not possible to comment upon this part of the Question.

Statement

Number of cases and amount of Central Excise duty involved in the evasion of duty on textiles during last three years

Year	No. of Cases	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	223	1351.09
1992-93	446	2123.75
1993-94	469	1339.08

विदेशी सामान की तस्करी में वृद्धि

2085. श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सरकार तथा इस विषय से सम्बद्ध एजेन्सियों द्वारा प्रयास किए जाने के बावजूद विदेशी वस्तुओं के तस्कर देश में अपना जाल फैलाते जा रहे है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप करोड़ों रुपये की कीमत के सामान की तस्करी हो रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए कौन जिम्मेदार है तथा क्या सरकार ने उनके विरूद्ध तथा देश के विभिन्न भागों में भारी पैमाने पर हो रही तस्करी को रोकने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाये हैं, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ग) अभिग्रहीत तस्करीकृत माल के आंकड़ों और उपलब्ध आसूचना रिपोर्टों से पता चलता है कि देश में विदेशी माल, विशेष कर सोने और चांदी की तस्करी में कमी आयी है । सरकार तस्करी-रोधी अभियान को जोरदार रूप से चला रही है जिसमें तस्करी-रोधी कार्यालयों को तस्करी रोकने के लिए उन्हें बेहतर साधनों से लैस करके सशक्त बनाना और तस्करी का पता लगाने और इसे रोकने के लिए केन्द्र और राज्य एजेन्सियों के बीच और अधिक समन्वय स्थापित करना शामिल है । तस्करी के निवारण और इसे रोकने के लिए किये जाने वाले उपायों के रूप में विदेशी मुद्रा संरक्षण तथा तस्करी निवारण अधिनियम के अंतर्गत निवारक नजरबन्दी की जाती है और मुकदमे भी चलाए जाते हैं ।

Approval of Central Vigilance Commission on RBI for Writing-off bad Debts

2086. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering for making it obligatory on public sector banks to seek approval of Central Vigilance Commission or Special Recovery Tribunal or RBI, before writing-off or entering into a compromise in respect of loans, where limits or outstanding exceed Rs. 10 lacs;

(b) if so, what is the present position in the matter; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are contemplating to guard against collusive write off/compromises in high value accounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) RBI has intimated that public sector banks write-off loans or enter into compromise settlements on their own judgement. However RBI has issued detailed instructions to banks which they may have to keep in mind while approving write-offs and compromise proposals. Further, during inspections of public sector banks, with reference to the position as on 31st March, 1994, RBI inspectors look into the policy followed by the banks regarding write-offs/ compromise settlements with special reference to the ten top compromise proposals entered into by them.

Provision for Bad Debts for P.S.Bs

2087. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether public sector banks have made full provisions for all bad and doubtful debts; and

(b) what is the amount of bad and doubtful debts of public sector banks, attributable to large scale industries, medium scale industries, small scale industries, agriculture and trade and provisions held by the banks in respect of each sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.